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SEASON'S GREETINGS



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AT SOUTH EAST *Celebrated With a Giant Christmas Tree*

The legends of Christmas have become a tradition at South East. These customs have come to us from all over the World. It was not until the time of Martin Luther in Germany that the evergreen was used as a decoration in the celebration of Christmas. One Christmas Eve as he wandered through the woods, he became entranced with the wonder of the night. He cut a small snow-laden fir tree and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

This year again, a giant Christmas Tree is placed on our

parking lot with thousands of changeable lights to celebrate the Yuletide and again the people will drive from miles around to enjoy the thrill of Christmas.

The Christian use of candles, symbolic of Christ, the "Light of the World," will again be used in our decorations. There are stars in the sky. Men for centuries have revered the stars as God's work and "The Star of Bethlehem" is a favorite Christmas symbol. Around the world bells peal out the glad tidings of the Saviour's birth. In the cities and countryside, bells spread the message of "Christ is born."



The Christmas Window at South East

features an animated Santa Claus and his Elves getting ready for the big event.

For many centuries, Saint Nicholas has been associated with Christmas and gifts. The custom started with the bearded Saint of Europe, who on Christmas Eve carried a basket of gifts for good children. St. Nicholas was transformed into Santa Claus by the Dutch Settlers in New Amsterdam (now New York) and he became the jolly, rosy-cheeked old fellow he is today.

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RAILROAD MUSEUM UNDER WAY

During the past few months, a great deal of work has been done toward the establishment of a new SUP Railroad Museum to be located at Corinne. Recently, Mr. Horace A. Sorensen announced that the Union Pacific Railroad had donated 1000 feet of right-of-way, 85 feet deep, to be used for such a Museum and that a lease had been obtained for this property in the name of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Upon receipt of this long-awaited news, the residents of the Box Elder County area responded by starting drives to raise funds to fence this property in preparation for the coming of this eagerly anticipated museum.

In order to better support this museum the SUP organized a Chapter at Corinne and it has undertaken several projects to raise funds for the fence that is needed.

Mr. Horace A. Sorensen recently submitted a report to us which tells much of the story of what has been accomplished thus far on this important project. The report follows:



New track laid at Corinne to house the rolling stock of the new Railroad Museum to be officially opened there on May 10, 1959.

A banquet and program in the interest of the project of constructing a Railroad Museum at Corinne was held at the Tropicana Restaurant in Brigham City Thursday, Sept. 25, 1958 at 7:30 p.m.

A bus load of railroad officials and Sons of Utah Pioneers, accompanied by their wives, went from Salt Lake City to attend. Special guests included Rhees Fife General Freight and Passenger Agent, Union Pacific; Robert F. Pettigrew, Traffic Manager, Union Pacific; Joel L. Priest, Jr., Public Relations Director, Union Pacific; Leonard D. Erickson, Freight Agent, Union Pacific; T. E. Hewitt, General Agent, Southern Pacific; J. F. Baker, General Agent, Union Pacific, Ogden.

Among the Sons of Utah Pioneers present were National President Karl B. Hale, Judge Advocate Milton V. Backman and Vice Presidents Earl Hansen, Logan; Parson Webster, Ce-

dar City; Henry Graff, St. George, and Horace A. Sorensen, Executive Director and Vice-President of the Railroad Museum Project. Wives of these men were also present. Many of the fellows wore special engineer caps, vests and red bandannas for the occasion. An Hawaiian group furnished entertainment and colored movies of the last celebration at Promontory Summit and the July 20th Heritage TV broadcast from Pioneer Village, Salt Lake City, were shown, but the outstanding event of the evening was when Bernice Gibbs Anderson, President of National Golden Spike Association, submitted a signed lease to the Union Pacific for property for the proposed Pioneer Village Museum at Corinne, Utah.

Following the meal, Horace A. Sorensen addressed the gathering, reporting what has been accomplished thus far:

"After several months of negotiations, or since our last meeting at the Golden Spike Celebration on May 10th, we, the National Society, Sons of the Utah Pioneers and affiliated chapters, and the National Golden Spike Association, have now, with the cooperation of the railroads, carefully planned a National Golden Spike Museum and Village at Corinne, Utah, which I am pleased and elated to say is an assured project of these two great associations in cooperation with the railroads and other interested groups.

"After careful survey and a two weeks' visit with our Congressional Delegation



Celebrating the approaching Centennial of the Railroad at a Banquet recently held in Brigham City. Back row, left to right—Tom Hewitt, General Agent, Southern Pacific Railroad; Milton Backman, Judge Advocate of SUP; Karl B. Hale, President; Joel L. Priest, Jr., Public Relations Director, Union Pacific Railroad. Seated—Mary Jane Morris, Corinne Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director, SUP Railroad Museum, Corinne; Bernice Gibbs Anderson, President of the Golden Spike Centennial Association.

and the National Parks Service at Washington, D. C., we found they all favored the development at Corinne and it has been further proven more feasible since planning with the railroads, that the present equipment can only be placed at, or near, railroad trackage because of the problem of moving same. The locomotive must be tracked in, as it weighs 70 tons, which is too heavy to be transported, and also, the bridges would probably not be strong enough to hold such a load.

"The Union Pacific Railroad has gone all the way to make this project possible. They have presented us with a steam locomotive, baggage car and a chair car. The

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Bill Coles entertains guests at the November 20th Banquet to raise funds for fencing the new railroad museum at Corinne. At head table, from the left, is Jesse Jameson, speaker of the evening; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sorensen, Earl A. Hansen, Karl B. Hale and Ron Kingsbury.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

(Editor's Note: Some things are so very well said and carry such a vital message that they bear repeating — thus we reprint this article from the December, 1950 PIONEER, by Brother LAWRENCE M. MALAN — lest we forget, lest we forget!)

Christmas is the celebration by the Christian world of the birth of Christ the Son of God and of the foundation of a religion which proclaims one of the foremost philosophies of human conduct. It would be a wonderful move forward if in our celebration of Christmas we would really implant in the hearts of mankind the meaning of this greatest character of mortal birth. To have the real spirit of His birth is to know Him and walk in the path He so plainly marked. Review with our loved ones and friends the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Articles of Faith. Ponder them over in our hearts and resolve more perfectly to apply them in our lives.

Why not have in each home this Christmas a birthday cake with nineteen and a half candles thereon, representing the number of centuries since His birth. As our friends call — light them and have someone extinguish them and lend our efforts toward a lovely birthday celebration.

Let our gifts be such as to promote love and goodwill.

Plan to take commercialism out of this glorious occasion. Promote the activities of the day in harmony with the spirit, love and peace. Avoid boisterousness, strong drink and the like in order that all may be lifted up and in reality feel within their souls His spirit. Thus loving service will be ours to enjoy and we will have a more abundant life.

Today, as in days of yore, we may experience a sweet spirit of brotherhood of love toward our fellowmen. Our hearts go out to relatives and friends with a modest gift of remembrance. Every true Christian seeks peace on earth through Christ our Lord. This Christmas, we as a part of the United Nations armies, are at war — not for aggression but for freedom of mankind. While this terrible strife goes on, we enjoy peace and plenty in the valleys of the mountains, in this place of refuge made possible by our forebears.

President George Albert Smith penned the following: "Most of the early Utah Pioneers were direct descendants of

America's early Pilgrim fathers who had come to the new world for freedom of conscience. However, these descendants, because of their religious convictions and through the intolerance and misunderstanding of their fellow countrymen, were dispossessed of their homes and finally came westward, a thousand miles beyond the outposts of civilization, for peaceful habitation in the heart of the Rocky Mountains where they might worship the Almighty according to the dictates of their own conscience. Here they gathered, bringing with them the culture of the old world and of the new world, and here they established their permanent homes, where only uninhabited wastes preceded their arrival."

Here our pioneers introduced irrigation, and with their foresight and industry made the desert blossom as the rose. Truly their first Christmas and each succeeding one have been seasons of peace on earth and good will toward men.

The descendants of these pioneers are carrying forward the gospel of peace and good will throughout the world, yet some are required to engage the sword that peace may be restored in this troubled world. Oh, that men's hearts would be touched by the spirit of Christmas, which is the result of Christ our Lord and His influence upon those who believe in Him! Many say we do believe and yet within our own borders there is strife and contention. The pioneers left home and belongings and many died and suffered because of fatigue and exposure to avoid

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY

By **HAROLD H. JENSON**

Former President and Historian of the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers

The year 1958, like 1947, stands out as the year with the longest, mildest summer. The weather man reports that never since '47 has any year equaled this for the longest period without rain or such mild weather.

History records that 1847, the first winter the LDS people spent in the Valley, was a mild one. From the historian's office records would recall:

"About 2000 saints celebrated their first Christmas on the present site of Salt Lake City, December 25, 1847, rejoicing that after all the persecution in the East they had at last reached the valleys of the Rocky Mountains, where they were destined to become a mighty people. Most of the Authorities of the Church were with the Saints at Winter Quarters, Nebraska, on the east bank of the Missouri River. These Pioneers had left fathers, mothers, friends and comfortable homes in the Eastern States and sought a haven of rest in the Rocky Mountains. With abundant faith and indomitable courage, patches of sagebrush land had been broken up and treasures of seed grain, that had been carefully guarded, had been consigned to Mother Earth with faith that they would yield them a harvest that would sustain them when their winter supply of food was exhausted. Materials were brought from nearby canyons and made into adobe and log cabins. The houses were built together in a large court or square with the

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The "Gingerbread House," one of the many displays on exhibit at Pioneer Village, recreates a home of the 1890 period. The authentic furniture of this period, arranged in room displays behind glass windows, gives the visitor a lifelike picture of a grand old era.

KNOW YOUR UTAH



David H. Miller perched high on "Metate Arch" in the Devil's Garden. This arch is only one of many wonders found in this rock garden located just seventeen miles southeast of Escalante.

Metate Arch in The Devil's Garden

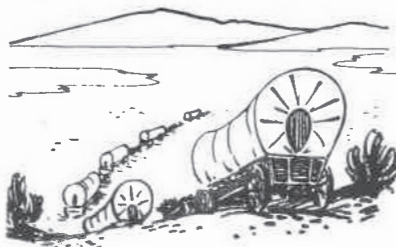
By DAVID E. MILLER

Why some of the most spectacular scenery must be named in honor of the devil or his place of habitation I cannot understand. (Hell's Backbone, Devil's Slide, The Devil's Golf Course, Hell's Half Acre, Hell's Half-mile, etc.) There is such a place known as The Devil's Garden. It is located seventeen miles southeast of Escalante and about a quarter of a mile west of the Hole-in-the-Rock road. Until recently no track led to it and most visitors to the area passed it by, not knowing of its existence. At present, however, it can be easily reached by car.

The Devil's Garden is a small valley not more than a quarter of a mile wide and probably twice as long in which wind and rain have combined forces to blast out of the soft multicolored sandstone some spectacular and interesting formations. The Metate Arch (so named because a metate was found at its base) shown here is only one of the wonders

found in the garden. This delicate little arch is one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. Its colors vary from pure white to deep red, and its shape and location enhance its beauty.

The Garden is filled with other pieces of nature's handiwork: There is a camel lying calmly in an open field; a statue of Brigham Young (or some other pioneer) overlooking the valley; a Catholic nun appears to be strolling across the courtyard; numerous windows, pinnacles, an arch larger than the Metate Arch, plus blooming desert flowers make the Devil's Garden a delightful spot to visit.



Amateur Gunsmith Has Unique Museum

By HAROLD H. JENSON
Past President SUP

In a tiny room, in Cedar City, is housed one of the most unique weapon museums of its kind in the West. This museum is the property of 55-year-old Alva Matteson, 147 West 400 South Street, Cedar City.

This writer on a recent visit to Cedar City had to stage a hurried ceremony honoring what is known in Utah as the "S. U. P. Mormon Battalion." He needed two old guns and a sword at a moment's notice, and in "Call to Arms" Mr. Matheson saved the day. Otherwise, this collection might never have been brought to this scribe's attention.

Back of this hangs a tale, beginning when Mr. Matheson was a child of eight and wanted a gun of his own. His father could not afford a new one for him, but let him take his own single-shot musket, and a shotgun which the boy loaded with ant gravel or pea gravel for rabbit shooting. Later a rifle for larger game was acquired. He used these three muzzle-loading guns until he was about sixteen years of age.



Alva Matteson of Cedar City holds a pistol used by a member of the Mormon Battalion. This is just one of many on display at his home.

Some of the most interesting and prized guns in the collection are:

An English Brown Bess, the first gun on the first wagon to cross Coal Creek as the settlers moved in to colonize Cedar City.

A rifle made by the Harper's Ferry Arsenal before the English Red Coats captured the arsenal.

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Mormon Battalion — State Maker

By JOHN HUNT

*Member of the Editorial Staff
Los Angeles Mirror-News*

It took the State of California 110 years to finally, formally acknowledge the tremendous debt the state owed the Mormon Battalion.

And that recognition might well never have come at all had it not been for Nicholas Morgan, Sr.

The story began two years ago in Salt Lake City when this writer visited Mr. Morgan in his office. Under discussion during the visit was the Battalion, its incredible march, and how to uncover source material concerning the longest trek ever made by an infantry unit afoot.

During the discussions, Mr. Morgan mentioned how regrettable it was that California as a state had never officially acknowledged how much the Battalion had contributed to California's early and critical years an American outpost.

How true this was.

The Battalion's arrival in California came at an unsettled time when the matter of establishing the United States flag in the state was still in the balance.

When the Battalion arrived in California bringing wagons every inch of the way, it broke the trail for westward migration which eventually proved the feasibility of a railroad many years later over virtually the same right-of-way. Maps made on this westward trek also proved the major influence in a United States decision to negotiate the Gadsden Purchase, a \$10,000,000 purchase of much of our Southwest from Mexico.

In California, the Battalion found hostilities between United States forces and Californians far from over. Too, General Fremont's almost insane personal ambitions indicated he seriously considered flouting United States authority.

Arrival of the Battalion under Col. Cooke convinced Fremont his best course was to cease his obstructionist policies.

Hence, when the Battalion in tattered clothing, but in high spirits, waded the San Gabriel River and marched into Los Angeles, the United States had come to California to stay.

In the ranks of the Battalion marched men whose names were to become a part of California's and the nation's brightest history. A guide — Stephen Foster, became one of the early alcaldes of Los Angeles and played a key role in formation of early state government.

Lt. Stoneman went on to become a famed Civil War general and eventually governor of California.

Col. Cooke was to one day head the

Union cavalry during the Civil War and devise cavalry tactics that remained in effect almost until the last cavalry horse was retired a few years ago. He was to continue to serve his nation with distinction despite the anguish that came when his own son-in-law — General Jeb Stuart — fought against his command with Confederate Cavalry in the 1860's.

And the members of the Battalion.

The history they wrote on the pages of almost every western State can never be forgotten.

It was a Mormon Battalion member that turned the mill race at Sutter's Mill and uncovered the gleaming nugget that set hundreds of thousands of Americans on the Westward trek.

Battalion members fought their way across the High Sierras and again broke a path that one day would become, almost without change, the right-of-way for the Southern Pacific line across those mountains.

As they had marched they had observed and irrigation methods seen in New Mexico were one day to prove effective in the Salt Lake Valley.

All these contributions and many more.

Acting on Mr. Morgan's strong representation, the writer returned to Los Angeles. See **BATTALION, Page 8**

INTERNATIONAL JUVENILE BOARD VISITS VILLAGE

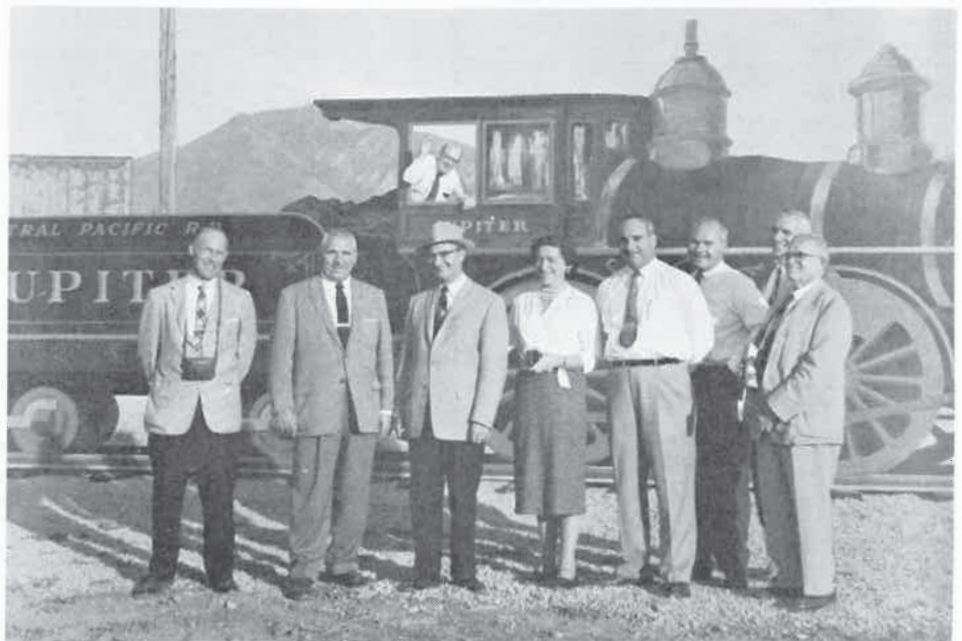
The Board of Directors of the International Juvenile Officers Association visited Pioneer Village during their recent meeting in Salt Lake City.

Arrangements were made by Sgt. Marvin Butterfield, Commander of the Salt Lake City Police Juvenile Division.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for next year's convention at Seattle, Wash., and to investigate the possibilities of a convention in Salt Lake City in 1961.

This large organization of law enforcement people, juvenile authorities and others are working with the United Nations on a world-wide survey of juvenile delinquency and also with the White House conference on juvenile affairs which will be held in 1960.

Chief Skousen, who is chairman of the commission that coordinates activities between the United Nations and the White House group, stated that surveys conducted reveal that: (1) Prosperous countries such as the United States, Sweden and the United Kingdom have more juvenile crime than poor countries (2) The nations that are most successful in prevention of juvenile crime place the responsibility for the action of the children on the parents rather than on social institutions and outlets.



Part of the group of Board of Directors of the International Juvenile Officers Association that visited Pioneer Village recently are shown in front of the model of Central Pacific's Jupiter Engine. From left are Charles Taylor, director from Illinois; Mike Wolke, president of the I. J. O. A. and director of the Youth Bureau, Milwaukee Police Dept.; Cleon W. Skousen, Chief of Police, Salt Lake City; Genevieve Beyreuther, President of Northern California Juvenile Officers Association, San Francisco Police Women; Andrew Sparacino, Commissioner, Youth Bureau, Rochester, N. Y.; Lt. Roy Hibbard, Director of Washington State Children's Bureau; Captain Bill Walker, Commissioner of the Youth Bureau, New Orleans Police Dept. In the engine is Will Kopp, publisher of "Law and Order."



The Board of Directors of the Pony Express Centennial Association working out the details of the huge centennial which begins in 1960 are, from left, Merrill J. Mattes, National Park Service; Lola Homsher, Vice President, Wyoming; Horace A. Sorensen, Director at Large; Thayer Tutt, Vice President, Colorado; Waddell F. Smith, President, California; Clarence Reeder, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Pete Kelley, Vice President, Nevada; Ernest R. McKay, Vice President, Utah; and A. C. Eichberg, Vice President, Nebraska.

Pony Express Centennial Plans Under Way

Plans for the fabulous Pony Express Centennial were forwarded at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Pony Express Centennial Association, held November 18th at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Present were Waddell F. Smith, President, and California Director; Pete Kelley, Vice President, Nevada; Ernest R. McKay, Vice President, Utah; Lola Homsher, Vice President, Wyoming; Thayer Tutt, Vice President, Colorado; A. C. Eichberg, Vice President, Nebraska; Horace A. Sorensen, Director at Large; Merrill J. Mattes, representing Conrad L. Wirth, Director, National Parks Service and Director at Large; and Clarence A. Reeder, Jr., Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The group met in the Board of Directors Room of the El Pomar Corporation through the courtesy of Mr. Thayer Tutt.

By-Laws for the organization were prepared and approved by the Board of Directors and committees were established to plan various phases of the celebration.

Mr. John Rosekrans, President of the Society of California Pioneers, 456 McCallister Street, San Francisco, Calif., was added to the Board of Directors of the organization as a Director at Large.

Names of other officers of the Pony Express Centennial are listed below.

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geles and discussed the matter with Councilman Ernest Debs. He, in turn, approached Assemblyman Seth Johnson and a few days later the California Legislature had officially adopted a resolution *which at long last spelled out the Mormon Battalion contributions and acknowledged how much those men had done in making California a state.*

Subsequently, this resolution, along with one presented to the California chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and others praising the work of Los Angeles Latter-day Saints in raising funds for a Fort Moore Memorial flagpole were presented in an official ceremony in City hall.

President David O. McKay personally attended to receive these tributes on behalf of the Church and the Utah patriotic organizations.

No body of United States troops ever suffered more, nor contributed more to their country than did the Battalion.

Had it not been for the keen interest of Mr. Morgan, Sr., for his own magnificent efforts in preserving the relics of a proud past, and his scholarly appraisal of the Battalion's true role in history, California's tribute to the Battalion might never have come about.



Dr. Howard R. Driggs, distinguished author and Professor Emeritus of English Education at New York University, presents Clarence Reeder, Executive Secretary, Sons of Utah Pioneers, one of his books on the Pony Express. Dr. Driggs has written numerous books on the old west. He has worked in conjunction with William H. Jackson, famed early western artist, in producing stories from the pages of western history, illustrated with appropriate action paintings.

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baggage car will probably be used to house some of the Railroad Museum and the chair car will convert into a fine Railroad Theatre and Lecture Room where pictures relative to early railroading can be viewed by visitors.

"This equipment was first presented to the Pioneer Village in Salt Lake, but being so large and heavy, presented a problem of moving and our thinking then led to Corinne as the logical location.

"The Union Pacific Railroad also presented the abandoned Railroad Station at Kaysville, Utah. This, they have requested, is to be moved to Pioneer Village in Salt Lake City, where it will act as an orientation center to direct attention to Corinne, Promontory Summit and other early railroading.

"When Corinne appeared all the more favorable as the logical location, we contacted President A. E. Stoddard at Omaha for trackside property. Mr. Hicks, Vice President, came to Corinne, and we met him there and went over the available property. Later, Mr. Joel L. Priest, Jr., brought us the good news that the Company had decided to give us a ten-year lease for one dollar, on one property, 608 feet by 85 feet wide, and another piece 400 feet long by 85 feet wide. These two properties are just between the highway and the railroad trackage at Corinne. A city road divides them into two different pieces. We have selected the 608 feet for the present equipment. The Union Pacific further agrees to lay 495 feet of trackage, approximately 300 feet for the locomotive, baggage car and chair car, leaving 200 feet additional for other equipment. The east end of 100 feet by 85 feet will be left for a suitable Museum Building, preferably a Railroad Station. This could also be used as a meeting room, village headquarters, telegraph office, rest rooms, etc.

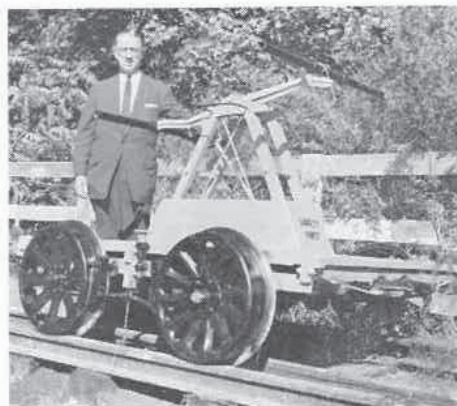
"The Southern Pacific Railroad has responded to our request for a handcar and is now making further plans to contribute more equipment for the project, such as a steam locomotive and tender. On July 20th we built some life-size cutouts of the two famous Promontory Engines, the Southern Pacific Old Jupiter and the Union Pacific famous No. 119. These were used on the KSL TV Hour Show 'Heritage.' The Brigham City cast that has been appearing at Promontory each year came down and reenacted the driving of the Golden Spike. Many of them are here tonight. Thanks for the time and effort that has so freely been given to make this possible and keep up interest.

"These replicas of the two famous en-

gines could be used most effectively at Corinne to keep alive the importance of the first continental railroad. The real engines no longer exist, but we will not forget the importance of this great history-making event that took place right here in Utah.

"Now that the railroads are responding so wonderfully to this project, we must do our part. These requests always do and should bring responsibilities to the recipients. They have asked us to properly care for this property so freely conveyed to us by gift and lease. We must now place a six-foot chain link fence around this 608 feet by 85-foot portion of the property with a return top for safety. We must guard and protect this equipment.

"This will make a wonderful project for the northern part of our great state.



Tom Hewitt, General Agent, Southern Pacific Railroad, donates historical handcar to Railroad section of SUP Village. This was used by the section hands who pumped it by hand as they inspected and repaired trackage before the recent motorized conveyances replaced it.

We have needed something up here. There is nothing in railroading of such national historical interest as the driving of the Golden Spike. This will bring thousands of tourists here every year. A reasonable admission charge, and the sale of souvenirs will help sustain and develop it. The chapters of the Sons of Utah Pioneers need such a project.

"The Golden Spike Chapter at Garland has been very active. The Box Elder Chapter has agreed to sponsor this project. Last Tuesday evening they asked Adolph Reeder to act as their coordinator. A chapter at Corinne should be interested in this and all chapters up through the northern part of the state, with Earl Hansen of Logan as the Vice-President of the Society, should unite solidly behind this great project. New chapters should be organized and the backing of all cities, counties, clubs and Chambers of Commerce should rally to the building and support of this great Railroad Village.



Adolf Reeder, George Johnson, Earl A. Hansen and James H. Miller, backed the banquet held to raise funds for the new railroad museum.

"This Village must be made a consuming tribute to the age of steam on rails. We must go to work searching for many more relics.

"A water tower should be moved in. A blacksmith shop could make 'last spikes' and other souvenirs. Old pictures and prints of early railroading are of much interest. Old railroad passes, historic timetables, early dining car menus, telegraph instruments, railroad money, lanterns, steam whistles, old railroad ballads, scrapbooks, clippings and photographs dealing with the Golden Spike are now wanted.

"We must perfect a truly national organization, and let the entire country know through newspapers, magazines, television and radio what is happening here.

"We must continue to collect every kind of railroad relic and related subjects to make this a real point of interest with the tourists, schools and everyone who comes our way.

"We must look towards Promontory Summit. It has already been recognized by the National Parks Service as an historical site which gives it historical stature . . . but now, we must work towards a National Monument out there. The Centennial is only eleven short years away.

"We must get up full steam ahead. Talk is cheap, but action is the only real solution. Let's all work together. We do not care who does it as long as it gets done. And above all, let's have a lot of fun and enjoyment while we are doing it. We feel that almost everyone will want to be in the act."

A fund-raising banquet at Brigham City, with Adolph Reeder in charge, on November 20th, brought the further announcement that the Southern Pacific Railroad had donated an Engine and several cars, and the date for the grand opening for this Museum was set for May 10th, 1959, the 90th Anniversary of the Driving of the Golden Spike.

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backs forming a wall for protection not only against the wind and storm but wild animals and also the possible attack of Indians." The location was then known as "Old Fort," now Pioneer Park.

Space will not permit the culling from private journals of this day, which are on file in Journal History, but some of these, this writer recalls: Those that had more than others invited the poor to Christmas dinners, wild turkeys and sage hens were plentiful. For decoration some had Christmas trees and the lucky ones decorated these trees with home-made popcorn. There was indeed a spirit of brotherhood and humbleness in our Salt Lake Valley that first Christmas.

NORTHERN UTAH DISTRICT HELD STIMULATING MEET

The Northern Utah District meeting was held November 19th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Smithfield Stake House, Smithfield, Utah. The chapters sponsoring the meeting included Box Elder Chapter from Brigham City, Golden Spike Chapter from Tremonton - Garland, Temple Fork Chapter and Old Juniper Chapter, Logan, and the Smithfield Chapter, Smithfield.

Fred E. Curtis, from Salt Lake City, a past national SUP President, present Commander of the Mormon Battalion and public relations man for the Salt Lake district of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, was the featured speaker. Each chapter was assigned a part on the program.

Committee members working with Earl A. Hansen, 1st Vice-President of the National SUP, were Charles B. Cazier, Logan; Frank Munns, Garland, and the president of each chapter or his representative.

Wide publicity of the event was given and all SUP members and their partners were invited to attend. The invitation and reservation committee members were Earl A. Hansen, Charles B. Cazier and Frank Munns, together with chapter presidents.

Purpose of the meeting was stated to stimulate activity in chapters and to fraternize with each other in order to get better acquainted and to help create projects.

Community singing was led by George B. Everton and the opening prayer was offered by A. George Raymond, President of the Temple Fork Chapter. Fred Thompson played a mouth organ solo and Delmar Derricott gave a comical reading.

Mr. Curtis chose as his subject, "The True Spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas."

The closing prayer was offered by Melvin Hillyard, President of the Smithfield Chapter.

JESSIE JAME-SON FEATURED AT RAILROAD BANQUET

Jesse Jam-son (Jameson), armed with projector and recorder, atoned for the actions of his famous namesake when he thrilled a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters of the new Railroad Museum now under construction at Corinne. The event which brought Jesse into action was a fund-raising banquet held in Brigham City at the Tropical Cafe on November 20, 1958. Mr. Jameson showed a set of slides accompanied by tape recordings, which told the story of the settlement of the Trans-Mississippi West, the struggle for a transcontinental railroad, and the building of this road across the United States. Featured in this educational and entertaining program were pictures of the construction of the road near Promontory Junction and the driving of the Golden Spike.

Adolf Reeder was chairman of this event and he announced that over \$400 had been raised for fencing material to enclose the Corinne museum.

The banquet was opened when the group, led by Earl Madsen sang "Come, Come Ye Saints." SUP's 1st Vice President Earl Hansen offered the invocation. A turkey dinner was served while Adolf Reeder told a little of the history of the Corinne area. Willie Coles, with accordion in hand, led the group in some community singing.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munns, Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Barker, Mrs. Nola Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Mirl Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leo Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Earle, Mr. and Mrs. William Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Sorensen, SUP President Karl B. Hale, Treasurer Ronald Kingsbury, and Vice President Earl A. Hansen.

A Solemn Warning and a Sobering Thought at Christmas Time

By CLARENCE REEDER

As the Christmas season approaches we must come to the realization that God and religion cannot be forgotten in the consideration of world affairs without mortal danger to the cause of freedom and peace.

As President David O. McKay counseled in a conference address October 7, 1945:

"I would that these men of reputed wisdom and foresight would lay equal emphasis on the fact that the future safety of the world depends not so much upon the changing of men's way of thinking and acting. Men and nations must have a change of heart. Hate and envy, suspicion and greed, must be supplanted by sympathy, forbearance, tolerance and justice before the hoped for time comes that "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, a distinguished scientist, soldier, and statesman, in his autobiography, has said:

"Never before in history has mankind faced a situation which forced every person on earth to ask himself so insistently the question, 'How can I help to make a better world?' For we know, as never before, that unless by our joint efforts we do find a way specifically to put an end to world wars and their mass killings the human race has the possibility—and indeed the likelihood—of destroying itself; so that the choice is now between a bet-

ter world or no world. My own answer to this question is found in the following statement: Human well-being and all human progress rest at bottom upon two pillars, the collapse of either one of which will bring down the whole structure. These two pillars are the cultivation and the dissemination throughout mankind of (1) the spirit of religion; (2) the spirit of science (or knowledge)."

In a word, the foundation of peace is righteousness. Certainly, there will be truces and temporary peace, but we can have permanent peace only when men repent and turn to the Lord in righteousness.

In the past twenty years we have fought in two wars. Thousands of fine young Americans have died in combat; millions of people throughout the world have lost their lives in the terror of these wars. Children have suffered beyond imagination; the aged and the sick have been driven from homes and left to die. The huge black cloud of communism has covered nearly half the earth with its bands of slavery.

What has all of this suffering, all of this horror taught us? Absolutely nothing if hatred, bigotry and intolerance have not diminished; nothing if man still

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Chapter Notes

SMITHFIELD MONUMENT DEDICATION SET

December 21st is the date set for the dedication of a monument in memory of Ira Elias Merrill, first person buried in the Smithfield Cemetery. The monument is made of red sandstone and is capped with a hand plow that belonged to Lot Smith, who was a bodyguard of President Brigham Young.

President Melvin Hillyard of the Smithfield Chapter asks those wishing to attend the dedication to assemble at the Smithfield Library at 2:00 p.m.

TEMPLE QUARRY CHAPTER HEARS DEL ADAMS

Del Adams, better known in his get-up as Jim Bridger, was the featured speaker at the November meeting of the Temple Quarry Chapter, held at Pioneer Hall in West Jordan. Del showed a large crowd slide pictures of various SUP treks and points of interest in Utah. He also brought several pioneer relics.

The Archibald Gardner Camp D.U.P., served a delightful turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. The program was under the direction of John Butterfield and included a trio composed of Jack Smith and his two daughters, who sang, "Tumbling Tumble Weed" and other songs. Community singing was led by Evelyn and Roberta Crane and Mr. Adams.

PIONEER CHAPTER LEARNS SAFETY FACTS

Jay C. Newman, Traffic Safety Director, Utah State Road Commission, was the featured speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Pioneer Luncheon Club Chapter, held at the Lion House, December 4th. Mr. Newman delivered a very interesting account of traffic problems that we face today and problems that we will meet in the future, and offered possible solutions to these problems. It is Mr. Newman's belief that we must have better qualified law enforcement people, stricter laws for the licensing of drivers and closer adherence to the law by those that drive. He reminded us that the reason for enforcing laws is to save lives.

The program was arranged for by Foley Richards, Vice President of the Chapter.



The roof of the new administration building was put on Saturday, November 29, by a large crew that really did the big job in a hurry. Some of the men helping were K. Grant Hale, Henry Florence, Scott Beazer, Mark Jackman, Orden Curtis, Delbert Pugmire, John Trayner and Earl Belnap, all of the Holladay Chapter, and Ron Kingsbury and Tanner Brown of the Sugar House Chapter.

SALT LAKE LUNCHEON CLUB HOLDS SONS' DAY

Salt Lake Pioneer Luncheon Club heard Wayne F. Richards at their annual Fathers and Sons meeting December 3, 1958. Mr. Richards is the father of six daughters and a member of the Pioneer chapter of the SUP. He is the son of Joel and Georgina Richards. Wayne served in the Air Force from 1941 to 1946 and holds the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. He is Director of Operations for KSL-TV. Wayne is married to Lucille Cannon, daughter of Sylvester Q. Cannon. He has been active in Church work and has served a mission for the LDS Church to the Eastern States Mission, been a member of two Ward Bishoprics and is currently a member of the High Council of the Monument Park Stake.

Most of the members of this large Chapter brought one, two, or more sons to this once-a-year gathering.

OGDEN PIONEER LUNCHEON CLUB

The Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club announces that Fred A. Baker, 3135 Tyler Ave., Ogden, Utah, and J. C. Kindred, 1372 Arlington Drive, Ogden, have become members of the Chapter. Arthur A. Grix, president of the Ogden Chapter, announces that the Chapter, in the last year, has far passed the quota set for new members. Our congratulations to this strong, fine SUP Chapter.

OLD JUNIPER CHAPTER

The Old Juniper Chapter held its monthly meeting for October at the Utah State University in Logan. President David A. Burgoyne was in charge of the luncheon meeting. After a fine lunch Herschel Bullen, a Logan businessman, and an early Pioneer of Richmond, told the members the early history of Richmond.

EAST MILL CREEK

A dinner meeting of the East Mill Creek Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, was held for members, their partners, and guests, Monday, November 10, 1958, at Harmon's Cafe, 39th South and State Street. A delicious meal was served at 7:00 p.m. This was followed by special music furnished by the winning quartet of the MIA music festival.

The highlight of the evening was a lecture given by E. Cecil McGavin, an authority on early Church history, who spoke on this subject.

RECUPERATING

It has been reported that recently three of our members, George H. Durham, Ira B. Cannon and N. Ross Beatie have been hospitalized and are recuperating at home. We wish them speedy recovery. —From Voice of the Pioneers.



T. Mack Woolley has long been a faithful guide at Pioneer Village. A member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club, Mack has steered thousands of children and adults through the Village.



A recent visitor to Pioneer Village was Paul Bailey of Los Angeles, California, pictured above with his mother, Mrs. B. Morris Young, 241 East 5th South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Bailey is the author of several books, including "The Gay Saint," the story of Sam Brannon.

DEATH CLAIMS CHRISTOPHER LAYTON

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Christopher Layton, 91. Brother Layton was one of the founders of S.U.P., a life member and former Chaplain of the Sugar House Chapter. In his passing one might recall the words of the Holy Scriptures:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

"Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."—II Timothy 4:7, 8.

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A Flint Lock Silver inlaid pistod which belonged to the grandfather of the famous Dalton boys.

A Pistol found under the flooring of an old home which had belonged to a high-ranking man in the Mountain Meadow trouble.

A Parker single-shot rifle, one of the first to use a complete unit cartridge.

Two guns using home-made paper cartridges, which were carried around Cape Horn to the Gulf of California and up the Colorado River to the approximate location of Overton, Nevada, by steam ship. The ships used a relay of steam

OF IMPORTANCE TO ALL MEMBERS, SUP CHAPTERS

This is the last month of the old year. A new SUP Membership Year begins in your chapter the morning of January 1st. 1959 membership dues should be renewed just as early as is convenient for you to do so. Help your chapter begin the new year with all of its old members on record as "Paid for 1958."

Certainly every member of every chapter understands and knows very well what the yearly dues to this chapter are. We have all paid them in years past. WE DO NOT NEED A FORMAL INVOICE OR STATEMENT FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENCY. Therefore, we urge

that chapter members everywhere draw their checks NOW . . . and pay their 1959 membership renewals to their chapter.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD MEMBERS DRAW CHECKS OR SEND DUES TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE. Your only obligation is with your chapter. Let's put this annual responsibility of MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS on an honest-to-goodness business basis. Let's not drag our heels for thirty to sixty to ninety days. Write YOUR CHAPTER a check now and "get on the alkaline side."

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this very thing. Their faith and belief was so sure and strong that love, which is Godliness, filled their hearts and there was a unity and faith among them that is little understood by man today. The way to peace and love was marked by Jesus the Son of God. If we love Him we will keep His commandments. He said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbors as thyself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

May the joy and peace beyond understanding dwell in the hearts and homes of every descendant of our pioneers. May their lives motivate their neighbors and friends to love fellow men and do deeds of loving kindness, and in truth and action be their brother's keeper and love their neighbor as themselves.

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clings greedily to his selfish desires, if he fails to honor parents, if he fails to keep the Sabbath holy.

Stretched before us are centuries of experience in which man has sought peace yet has turned from God and not found it. God cannot be mocked! Sin brings the sting of death. Are we not, as a nation, living today in a state of sin, calling out to the Lord for peace but failing to keep his commandments. In this state can we expect anything but continual world strife and eventual destruction?

At this time of year, as we honor the birth of our Lord, ministers of all faiths cry unto the people to repent. Let us heed this call, let us turn our hearts and minds to Him that died that we might live and try harder to live in righteousness that we might know the true meaning of Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men.

winching tow lines to navigate the swift waters of the river through Black Canyon.

A gun used in the Indian battle which named Navajo Lake.

A big bore pistol carried by a member of the Mormon Battalion on the longest infantry march in history, some 2,000 miles to California, where the Battalion was disbanded. It was then brought to Utah where it was later acquired by a member of Johnston's Army and was again taken to California.

A pistol with a one-inch bore.

A pistol which measures one inch in length and shoots a real bullet.

A pistol with Wm. F. Cody scratched

on the inside of the handle and with several notches cut into the handle.

A pocket knife which fires a .35-caliber bullet at the same time extending a five-inch dagger blade.

The guns listed are a few of the most interesting of the one hundred and fifty-two guns and pistols housed in this small museum. There are over one hundred different makes and models without duplication.

There are thirty-four swords and bayonets, two of which must be at least 1,000 years old. Mr. Matheson would surely welcome any aid possible in determining the approximate age and origin of these two swords.

SUP Sidelights



What was this wagon used for? Dixon Larson of Orem believes it was probably an Army Surveyor's wagon. The four large wheels were used to enable the wagon to travel easily through sagebrush. A measuring device was attached to one wheel to allow the survey team to determine distance accurately.

PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM DONATIONS

The following items have recently been donated to Pioneer Village by the people listed here:

James Sharp, Salt Lake City:
Butter churn.

The family of Lorenzo Sharp, Salt Lake City:

Chair, clock, organ to be used in a room display.

Annie Johnson, St. George, Utah:
Brigham tea.

Merlin Jones, Sugar House Chapter:
Cheese cutter.

Hole in the Rock Chapter, Escalante, Utah:
Petrified wood.

Marcella Ford Carruth:

A complete shoemaker's chest brought from England in 1878 by Edward Toone, who was a convert to the L. D. S. Church

Mrs. Gerald H. Muzell, Orem, Utah:
Baby buggy, toys and china doll.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kingsbury, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dental equipment and trunks.

Wilford N. Emery, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Magic Lantern slides, photography equipment and wheat grinder.

Brother Richard R. Lyman, long-time member of SUP, sends word that his grandson, John C. Schreiner, was honored as the outstanding student in Engineering at the University of Utah for 1958 by Theta Tau Fraternity. The selection was based upon both scholarship and extra-curricular activities.

NATIONAL DUES RAISED BY UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

At the November meeting of the Executive Board of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, to which all Chapter Presidents were invited, the matter of the financial status of our organization was discussed. After a reading of the financial report by our Treasurer, Ronald Kingsbury, it was quite evident that the funds coming into our organization did not meet the expenses that we have and as a result a few men are asked to foot the bill for our fast-growing and certainly important organization.

A discussion of the problem followed and it was suggested that we increase the dues and subscription rate to the magazine to \$5.00 per year. This increase

would give us a sufficient working capital to carry on the activities that we must in our organization. The motion was discussed and after some consideration was given a unanimous approval by all those present.

With the passing of this motion it will now be necessary for Chapters to collect \$5.00 per man for National dues and magazine subscription to the SUP NEWS for the year 1959. It will also be necessary to collect \$7.50 from those we initiate into the Society for the first time.

We know that we will have your support in this move so that the extremely important work of preserving our Utah Pioneer Heritage might be carried on.



Utah's Mother of the Year for 1956 was a November visitor at Pioneer Village. Above is Mrs. Luella Adams Dalton, her husband, Bishop Harley W. Dalton, and two of the couple's 27 grandchildren, Sharlene Johnson and Bradley Bouck. The Daltons reside in Parowan.

A very big pat on the back for Henry Florence who has spent several days working on the roof of the big new administration building. His work is certainly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Child have recently returned from an extended trip throughout the European Continent. While in Europe they visited the World's Fair at Brussels.

HARRY POLL, President of the active East Millcreek Chapter, was in to see us since we last went to press and tells us that the Chapter is still growing and hopes to sponsor a new chapter soon.

Mr. DOUGLAS BRIAN, long-time music instructor in the Ogden City Schools, was a recent visitor at Pioneer Village.

Highway curves are required; feminine curves desired, but in both cases when you reach 50, slow down.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. SHARP came out to Pioneer Village during October and helped arrange a display that they recently donated. Mr. Sharp has volunteered to tell our guides more about the Pony Express.



This old logging cart was brought to Pioneer Village by Hoyle Sorenson, U. S. Forest Ranger from Teasdale, Utah. It was used in the Boulder Mountains around the turn of the century. A team was hitched to the cart and the butt end of the log placed in its cradle to make carrying it over rough ground possible.



The Great Nativity Scene on our Building we hope will give you, as it has thousands, the feeling of the importance of the great Christmas story. Be sure and see it.

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When the angels appeared to the wondering shepherds, as they kept watch over their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem, the celestial chorus sang "that glorious song of old" — "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." So began our most beloved festival — Christmas.

One of the most highly cherished traditions with our Christmas celebration is the story of the coming of the Wise Men from the east to pay homage to the infant Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. They presented Him with gifts. These oriental visitors in splendid, colorful robes made a strong contrast to the roughly clad shepherds who knelt near by after following the star in the heavens where He lay.

Therefore, our holiday traditions of universal Christmas customs unite all Christendom in the real reason for the celebration of Christmas — the birth of Christ. And, as we listen to "O Come All Ye Faithful," as we review the Nativity, stars, candles, cards and gifts, and enjoy God's bounteous blessings, may we have faith that right will prevail and that "peace on earth" will be a reality.



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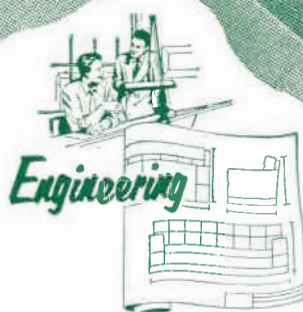
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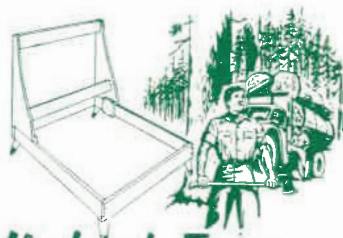
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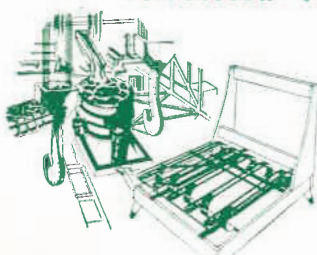
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